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Special Asst. (Admin.) to DD/I

Monday, 23 March 1953

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1. Attended a meeting with [REDACTED] of DD/P with representatives of O/RR to discuss administrative support requirements for the [REDACTED] 25X1B4d

2. Revised the Comptroller's draft of a letter from the DCI to the Secretary of State authorizing the release from the general State Department freeze of the vacancies involved in our support of external research, biographic, and NIS. The revision eliminated the provision for review of individual actions which had originally been contemplated but which Mr. Amory agreed was no longer necessary in light of recent developments.

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3. Discussed with [REDACTED] O&M, the manner under which O&M staff assistance should be provided to the DD/I offices. It was agreed that he would draft a statement of understanding as a basis for future discussion with our Office. He is in agreement that assistance to be provided should be as a service to our ADs and under the ADs' close guidance and direction.

4. The Budget Bureau hearings on the DD/I area were completed with the hearing of O/CD. It is believed that the hearings were very valuable in providing a better understanding with the Budget Bureau examiners as to the nature of and necessity for our activities. Detailed Budget data was discussed only briefly in the instance of each Office and the Budget examiners seemed to be impressed by the fact that our present estimates, in general, already reflected a significant reduction from the estimates originally submitted to them last fall. With reference to Biographic, [REDACTED] volunteered that he did not believe that significant savings would result from the Department of State servicing of biographic requests on political personalities because of the need for the analyst to review all reports to sort out the scientific and economic. (Editor's Note: [REDACTED] Chief of the Biographic Register, advised, during a subsequent luncheon meeting, that very little time was required by the analysts in "scanning" reports and discarding those having only political significance. On the contrary, he stated that considerable time was being saved by the analysts through elimination of the time consuming processing of political figures, making possible the undertaking of many additional work projects which had not been possible heretofore, as well as improved coverage of the scientific and economic fields. [REDACTED] also briefed me on the recent reorganization of the Biographic Register which has merged the two former branches (Political and Economic, and Scientific and Technical) into one covering Scientific, Technical and Economic with area subdivisions. He believes that the new unfunctional approach by area will result in a more efficient and effective use of the analysts.)

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